



Please join us for
The Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Northern California's

18th Annual Holiday Party & Winter Membership Meeting

Saturday, December 8, 2012
California National Guard Armory
711 Hillcrest Ave, Benicia CA

11 am - 5 pm

(Doors open at 8:00am for set up & drop Off)

11:00 am Arrive, get settled, mingle & munch
Noon Enjoy Potluck Luncheon
2:00 pm Membership Meeting
(see next page for Agenda)

Bring your holiday dish to share
A-G Side Dish - H-O Main Dish - P-Z Appetizer

We will be having a raffle & auction; proceeds to benefit the club's general fund and continuing our tradition of collecting dog/cat items or \$\$ for

The Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano County
(see next page for details)



Winter Quarterly Membership Meeting Agenda

**Approve Fall Quarterly Meeting Minutes
Reports of Officers & Committee Chairs
Election of New Members
Unfinished Business
New Business - to include 2013/2014 Officer &
Board of Directors Nominations**

Raffle & Auction

Bring an item that we can raffle or auction to raise money for our club.

The Way & Means Boutique will be open for Holiday Shopping, so bring your Christmas List.

Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano County

They are most in need of dog & cat food. They usually must rely on the Humane Society & local shelters for donations. We will set up a jar for \$\$ donations.

Don't forget to bring you e-x pens or crates as dogs must be confined during lunch and the meeting.

Help us set up & clean up

If you are not going to be in the parade please help us set up and decorate tables

Help Sheila and Dick with Ways & Means

Clean up will start at 4-4:30



This is the signature event of the year! Spectators love our 1st-place award-winning group of Berners. Bring your four-legged friends, with or without carts. It's a fun holiday event!

Where?

1st Street, downtown Benicia. The staging area is at East 2nd & 'D' Street

When?

Saturday, December 8, 2012. Assemble at 9:00 am. Parade begins at 10:00 am.

What to wear?

Christmas attire for you and especially for your K9 friends. Try to wear Santa or holiday hats and as much red and green as possible so we can coordinate as the BMDCNC Berner Christmas group.

Berners with/without carts.

Dogs may wear decorated harnesses, bells, hats, scarves, packs, etc. We will have a team leading our group with the Club Christmas Tree. Have your carts filled with wrapped presents, toys, stuffed animals, candy canes, etc. Candy may be passed out but not thrown.

If possible, please call Cynthia Hilton at 510-235-4922 if you will be joining the parade.

The parade organizers would like to know the size of our contingent in advance.



Directions to the Nation Guard Armory - 711 Hillcrest Avenue, Benicia CA

From 680 Freeway

Take 780 Freeway west toward Benicia/Vallejo

From 80 Freeway

Take 780 Freeway east toward Benicia/Martinez

From the 780 Freeway

Take the East 5th Street exit, turn north onto 5th Street at the end of the off-ramp and go under the freeway (if exiting from 780 East). 5th Street ends at Hillcrest Ave.

Turn right onto Hillcrest Ave. The Armory is at the end of the road on the left.

Directions to the Holiday Parade staging are on 2nd and 'D' Street

From 780 Freeway take the 2nd Street exit.

Turn left onto 2nd Street at the end of the off-ramp.

Turn right on Military Street West, then turn left on 1st Street.

Continue on 1st Street or jog over to 2nd Street to park.

The parade runs north up 1st Street, so it's best to park above 'H' Street to return to your car.

Meet at 9:00 am